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## **FOIA REQUEST**

### **Fee waiver requested**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of the FOIA logs for the agency from 2018 and 2019, through the date of the request's fulfillment.

I would like to receive the information in a machine-readable electronic format, if possible.

I agree to pay reasonable fees for the processing of this request up to \$25. Please notify me before incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

### Fee Categorization

For fee categorization purposes, I am a representative of the news media. Through this request, I am gathering information for my journalistic work with the Wall Street Journal, a leading international newspaper on business concerns. Accordingly, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II); id. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iv)(II).

### Request for Fee Waiver

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is not primarily in my commercial interest and will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). The logs will support reporting in the public interest.

### Conclusion

If my request is denied in whole or part, please justify all withholdings by reference to specific exemptions and statutes, as applicable. For each withholding please also explain why your agency “reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption” or why “disclosure is prohibited by law[.]” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A)(i).

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ben Foldy